SECRETARY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 1 APR 1923

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m., on Thursday the 15th day of March 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. Rajagopala Achariyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Muhammadan representation in the Revenue Department in Ganjām.

884 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans employed in the Revenue Department as deputy collectors, tahsildars and sub-magistrates in the district of Ganjām in 1922 and 1923?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the Quarterly Civil Lists and the District Revenue Establishment List for 1922 and the Annual Civil List for 1923 which have been placed in the Legislative Council Library. The District Revenue Establishment List for 1923 will be available only on or after 1st June 1923.

Translation into vernaculars of Government Order revising darkhast rules and G.O. No. 1396, *Revenue, dated* 31*st July* 1922.

885 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government Order revising darkhast rules and G.O. No. 1396, Revenue, dated 31st July 1922, have been communicated to the Publicity Officer; and

(*b*) whether the Publicity Officer has translated them into the vernaculars and published them broadcast among his correspondents in rural areas?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.

Tree-tax on waste and occupied poramboke lands.

886 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to state whether it is the intention of Government to give half concession rates in respect of the newly revised tree-tax on waste and unoccupied lands, if the owners happen to be depressed class pattadars; and

(ii) to lay on the table all the Government Orders regarding the tree licence system on poramboke lands?